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## **Attention Milpitas Residents:**

**Protect Your Property !!!**



***"In partnership with our community."***



**The Milpitas Police Department has seen an increase of Catalytic Converter thefts from Toyota Trucks and SUV's.**

A catalytic converter is a device used to reduce the toxicity of emissions from an internal combustion engine. The catalytic converters are being stolen for a small amount of precious metals used in the converters, including platinum, rhodium or palladium. The converters are also either resold or shipped out of the country to be sold on the black market. The suspects stealing the converters have been known to use reciprocating saws (aka: sawzall) to remove the converters.

**In order to help prevent you from becoming a victim, we recommend you take the following steps:**

- If you own a Toyota Truck or SUV, talk to your mechanic about mounting alternatives for your catalytic converter.
- If possible, park you vehicle(s) in your garage.
- Consider adding an alarm system to your vehicle in an effort to deter thieves.
- Improve lighting around your house or park in a well lit area.

For any questions , please contact the Milpitas Police Department Police Community Relations Unit  
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